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1. THE PURPOSE OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS SENIOR-LEVEL OBSERVATION PROGRAM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CCINC IS TO AFFORD THE HIGHEST-RANKING OFFICIAL OF A FOREIGN CUSTOMS SERVICE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH THE HIGHEST-LEVEL U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS PARTICIPATE IN AN OBSERVATION TOUR OF CUSTOMS FIELD OPERATIONS.
2. OUR PREFERENCE IS NOT TO INCLUDE LOWER RANKING OFFICIALS IN THIS PROGRAM. HOWEVER, IF THAI CUSTOMS WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE ONE OR TWO OF THE HIGHEST POLICY-MAKING LEVEL ASSISTANTS OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS, WE WOULD RELUCTANTLY CONCUR WITH THEIR REQUEST. KISSINGER

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